Duty period of Medical Officers.

307 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Darbar Physician has recently issued a circular to the Medical Officers asking them not to leave their respective hospitals during the prescribed hours of work, *viz.*, morning and evening; and

(*b*) when there is an urgent call from outside the hospital premises for medical aid, whether a doctor in charge of a hospital could visit the patient and give him medical relief?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) The member is referred to the answer given to question No. 295, by Mr. M. K. Janardana Kamath.

(*b*) Yes; in urgent cases.

Firing before the Quilon Mosque.

308 *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the report of Mr. M. Ramachandra Row, Ag. Commissioner, Devicolam, regarding the shooting incident in front of the Chinnakada Mosque, Quilon, which took place so early as in Chingam 1110?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The report is under the consideration of Government.

Toll-Gate on Nedumangad-Shorlacode Road.

309 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is a P. W. D. toll-gate, which is a branch of the Nedumangad toll-gate, put up on the branch road known as Nedumangad-Shorlacode road;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they are aware that the putting up of this branch of the P. W. D. toll-gate is against the avowed policy of Government with regard to the opening of P. W. D. toll-gates;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the people, in these days of economic depression and famine in Nedumangad taluk, are experiencing serious hardships due to the existence of the toll-gate; and

(*d*) how long it is since the above branch of the toll-gate was established?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) From the beginning of 1108 M. E.

Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

310 *MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to construct a Tuberculosis Sanatorium near Nagercoil; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will consider the fact that such an act will be injurious to the health of the growing town and revise the proposal ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Durbar Physician*) : (*a*) and (*b*). The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 301 by Mr. S Thiraviam Nadar.

Ladies with Medical Degrees.

311 * **MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of ladies holding M. B. C. M. degree or M. B. B. S. degree and L. M. P. degree in the State employed and the number unemployed ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Durbar Physician*) : The statement is laid on the table.

Kuttapuzha Canal Scheme.

312 * **MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what progress has been made in the Kuttapuzha Canal scheme ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The earth work in the Kuttapuzha cut proper has been started and is in good progress and the acquisition of land required for the work has been arranged for.

Culverts and bridges in the Amaravila-Ottasekharamangalam road.

313 * **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the construction of culverts and bridges in the Amaravila-Ottasekharamanglam road in the Neyyattinkara taluk :

(*a*) when estimates were prepared for the construction of culverts, how many culverts were proposed to be constructed, how many were constructed, if any, and when;

(*b*) whether they or the P. W. D. have not received representations pressing on the Government the need for a bridge over the Chittar and, if so, what action, if any, was taken thereon ;

(*c*) whether any estimate has been prepared or any report submitted by the P. W. D. Section Officer *re* the putting up of a bridge over the Chittar and, if so, when ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to look into the question and do the needful, as a matter of urgent public importance ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Five culverts were proposed to be constructed, out of which one was constructed as per estimate sanctioned in 1108.

(*b*) Yes. Action could be taken only after the road work is taken up and completed.

(*c*) Report was submitted by the Section Officer on 9-6-1934.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*).

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* *Vide* Appendix XI.

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